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Mr. Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I appreciated and enjoyed your response to my recent communication, and I write again regarding certain matters that have since transpired which may be of some interest.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing certain items for your information, though I know they will not enlighten you any further. The first enclosure is a copy of an article which I wrote for a student newspaper while I was in attendance at Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi. I am planning to distribute these on a national basis (very limited), with ads in various newspapers and periodicals. This I do in order to gather funds for my latest attack, the plans of which are still in formulation, but which includes perhaps a series of magazines/articles. I am presently negotiating their sale with an agency in N.Y., and will let you know if anything breaks. If so, I will also try to offer whatever assistance I can in getting your works published. I have written my agent, and if anything favorable develops, I'll pass it along. I've felt badly that I just haven't been in a position to do anything up to now.

I know of course, as you do too, that the Clay Shaw verdict has more or less ended the feverishly high pitch which accompanied material on this subject, (even the usual gravy train riders such as Josiah Thompson, Professor John Sparrow, Epstein, et als, who lavished in the limelight). But I am convinced that interest among the general populace including areas nowhere near Dallas, New Orleans, etc., is just as high as the day of Garrison's first press conference. When I mention to people, for instance, that I worked in Jim Garrison's office shortly after Robert Kennedy was killed, it always sparks an amazed response and a flood of questions. Especially when I tell them that the investigators for whom I worked-- Bill Boxley and Tom Bethell, the first was fired by Mr. Garrison, allegedly for feeding information to his erstwhile employer, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the latter was indicted for illegally transporting a secret list of witnesses to Shaw's lawyers just prior to the trial-- and that I may have a series of articles published on this-- they plead with me to send them copies!

In the reproduced article enclosed, I am taking the liberty of quoting you as favoring a Congressional investigation-- which is pretty much what you've said all along, isn't it? In any case, what do you really think is our hope now? Is this really a dead issue? I must admit my discouragement. In his victory statement recently, which I was able to pick up on a N.O. station, Mr. Garrison, with his characteristic flamboyant style (he hates that word!), said the investigation had been completed, and "it has been successful, though that it is not yet readily apparent; it will become apparent." Privately, I understand, he has more or less given up.

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So I wonder now-- where do we go from here?

I am enclosing copies from my correspondence file, nothing current, as I haven't felt like wasting postage. But this should show-- if there was ever any doubt-- that the Nixon bureaucracy is of the same position as the Johnson bureaucracy...no change.

I would be deeply appreciative if you are able to find time to send me a word regarding these matters. Please do let me hear from you, and by all means feel free to be very frank.

Your friend,


Jim Brown

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Please do write me--